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In re Application of:

DANIEL A. JAPUNTICH ET AL.

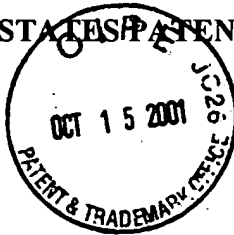
Serial No.: 09/678,579

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For: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

Group Art Unit: 3761

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2001, please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 22, between "exhalation." and the word "As" insert a new sentence:

When a wearer of a filtering face mask 10 exhales, exhaled air passes through the mask body 12 and exhalation valve 14. Comfort is best obtained when a high percentage of the exhaled air passes through exhalation valve 14 as opposed to the filter media of mask body 12. Exhaled air is expelled through valve 14 by having the exhaled air lift flexible flap 24 from valve seat 26. Flexible flap 24 is attached to valve seat 26 at a first portion 28 of flap 24, and the remaining circumferential edge of flexible flap 24 is free to be lifted from valve seat 26 during exhalation. The first portion 28 of the flexible flap 24 remains stationary during an exhalation and has a circumferential edge segment that may also remain stationary. As the term is used herein, "flexible" means the flap can deform or bend in the form of a self-supporting arc when secured at

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☒ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

| Claims As Amended | | | | | | |
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| (1) | (2) Claims Remaining After Amendment | (3) | (4) Highest No. Previously Paid For | (5) Present Extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 39 | Minus | ** 30 | = 9 | x \$18.00 | = \$162.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | *** 3 | = 0 | x \$84.00 | = \$0 |
| Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid | | | | | \$280.00 | \$0 |
| Total Additional Fee For This Amendment → | | | | | | \$162.00 |

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Respectfully submitted,

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